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My residence, postoffice address, and citizenship are as stated below with my respective name; I believe I am the original, first and only inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

the specification of which was filed October 26, 2000, and assigned serial 09/698,507. I have filed no foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this subject matter.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

As the named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business before the United States Patent & Trademark Office, and the offices of the Patent Convention Treaty, connected with this application.

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All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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AVERMENT OF INDEPENDENT-INVENTOR STATUS

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING REDUCED FEES
IN THE U. S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

This averment relates to a United States patent application, the specification of which was filed October 26, 2000, assigned serial 09/698,507, and entitled: "CRYPTOGRAPHY AND CERTIFICATE AUTHORITIES IN GAMING MACHINES". I hereby aver that I am an independent inventor, defined as any inventor who

- (1) has not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and
- (2) is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license,

any rights in the invention to any person who could not be likewise classified as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or a non-profit organization.

I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. All statements herein are true of my own knowledge.

February 7, 2001
date

Signed,


Rolf Carlson